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Subject: Meeting summary

Hi Rich, Diane, and Karen,

Thanks for meeting with me on June 22nd. I promised to send you a meeting summary of my discussion with FWS and NMFS. Here is a summary of the topics we discussed at the 6/21/2012 meeting about Phase II update to Delta WQCP between federal fish ESA agencies and EPA. I also pasted the text of the summary of our 6/22/12 meeting that I sent to the group that met on 6/21 because it proposes to amend the loose plan we discussed on 6/21.

Erin

6/21/12 MEETING SUMMARY

Workshops

Agencies to contact Peter Goodwin at the Delta Science Program with names of individuals that would add value to the invited panel for each of the workshops provide technical information

We could also provide technical information to State Board staff prior to the workshops. They want to ensure they have the most up to date library of peer-reviewed technical work.

Objective work groups -- goal is to provide a concept/proposal of how to update or establish the objectives listed below. The name after the objective is the individual responsible for leading the effort for that objective.

Delta Outflow Objectives -- Bruce Herbold

Export/Inflow Objectives -- Bruce Herbold

Delta Cross Channel Gate Closure Objectives --

Suisun Marsh Objectives -- Steve Culberson

Reverse Flow Objectives (Old and Middle River Flow Objectives) -- Ryan Wulff (coordination)

Floodplain Habitat Flow Objectives -- pending per figuring out what this one means

Changes to the Monitoring and Special Studies Program

Other Changes to the Program of Implementation

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Subject: Summary of state board meeting & moving forward

Hi All,

Highlights from my Friday meeting with State Board staff.

The workshop format will include an agency panel. Notice to be released today, Friday (6/22/12).

I think it would add value for each agency to identify one of their technical experts to participate in each of the first three workshops. Opinions from this group?

Workshops will be most helpful to staff and Board if natural resource and fish agency (state and federal) technical experts/panel members can:

Clearly articulate the problem/issue to the Board and describe potential solutions.

This means our groups should be able to clearly articulate an approach to updating objectives that protect the low salinity zone, salmonids, and pelagic organisms at the workshops.

It would be helpful to meet with state board staff prior to each workshop if possible.

Timeline for proposed objectives much shorter than we discussed yesterday. The complete draft of the "Scientific Basis" should contain approaches to updating each objective, potentially draft objectives. The proposed date for complete draft of Scientific Basis is January or February 2013.

I don't think we should invest as much in the floodplain habitat flow objectives at this point. SB staff indicated that these may not get the attention the others do.

Update may also include Sacramento Inflow objectives and/or Delta Outflow compliance points that are further north of the Delta in order to broaden the water source contribution to outflows (include reducing north of delta diversions along with s. delta export reductions).

It would be helpful to include CDFG in our discussions.

We should probably modify the loose plan identified yesterday given the discussion w/ State Board. Here's a pitch. Suggestions, improvements, etc... are v. welcome.

Participate in Workshops

Ecosystem Changes and Low Salinity Zone (August 22)

Goal is for agency panel to be able to clearly articulate the problems ecosystem and LSZ changes have contributed to aquatic life and fish populations.

Agency panel should have suggestions for how to resolve these problems by describing their approach to updating Delta Outflow Objectives

Export/Inflow Objectives

Suisun Marsh Objectives

Salmonids (September 5)

Goal is for federal agency panel to be able to clearly articulate the problems contributing to protecting salmonids.

Agency panel should have suggestions for how to resolve these problems by describing their approach to updating OMR flow objectives (seems like the approach for establishing these objectives would not be based on unimpaired flow??)

Export/Inflow Objectives

Delta Cross Channel Gate closure objectives

Pelagic Organisms (September 6)

Goal is for federal agency panel to be able to clearly articulate the problems contributing to protecting salmonids.

Agency panel should have suggestions for how to resolve these problems by describing their approach to updating Delta Outflow objectives

Sacramento Inflow objectives?

CVP/SWP export constraints?

Export/Inflow Objectives

Analytical Tools (October 1 and 2) -- We didn't discuss this one much at our meeting. Ideas for how much to invest in this part?

Provide specific approaches or proposals for objectives as soon as possible after the workshops. We should include Reclamation and CDFG and work on each of these objectives to see if we can provide coordinated recommendations. Agencies can individually use formal (letterhead & public meeting statements) and we can collectively use informal communication methods (e.g, technical meetings) to work with the State Board on the objectives.

Delta Outflow

Export/Inflow

Suisun Marsh

OMR reverse flow

Delta Cross Channel Gate Closure

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